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Veterans Who Served their Country

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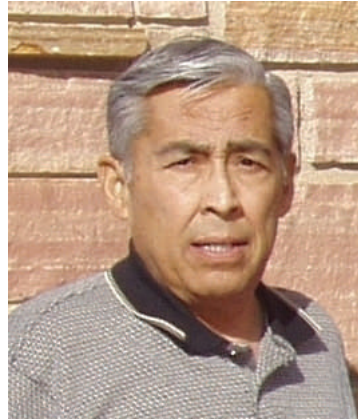
The month of November has two special holidays where we give thanks - Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day. On both days we recall how thankful we are for our blessings and how thankful we are to live in the United States and be part of a family that cares about us as individuals. On this month it is fitting to recognize our Boulder County Image members who served in the armed forces and contributed to securing the freedoms we all share.

One of our former members, the late Don Roybal, is still remembered fondly and with respect. According to Steve Newsome in Building 22, Don served in the Air Force in Lincoln, Nebraska. He was a 30 percent disabled veteran because of a knee injury. While working with NOAA, Don was active in Boulder County Image and served as president of the chapter and as a Colorado delegate to the National Image Conference. As a Colorado delegate he had a national impact, especially in the election of David Montoya as national president. (David passed away a few years ago and like Don is remembered fondly as a good leader.)

Imagen would also like to recognize the following members who are veterans and are still active in their jobs and in the community:



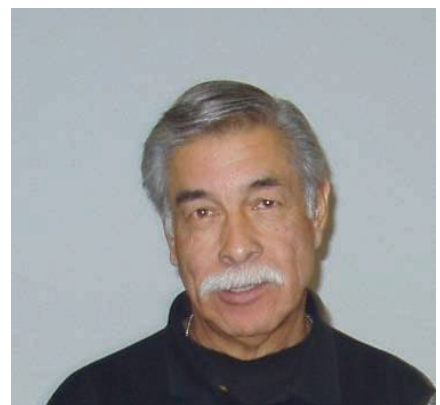
Ramón Montoya, Rudy Nuñez, Dan Gomez and Tony Tafoya at Image meeting on November 21, 2005.



Dan Gomez served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Viet Nam War. After stateside training he served in Da Nang, Hue, Phu Bai and Quang Tri, Viet Nam. On June 8, 1966, while leading a convoy to the DMZ his vehicle ran over a 250 to 500 pound land mine in Quang

Tri Province. He was evacuated by helicopter to an aid station in Phuy Bia and then transferred to Da Nang for several surgeries. After the surgeries, he was transferred to a Naval Hospital in Yokosuka, Japan. While in Japan, he was treated for leg and arm injuries, shrapnel wounds and spinal meningitis. After a month of treatment, he was well enough to travel stateside and was sent to Fitzsimmons Army Hospital. He was treated at Fitzsimmons Army Hospital for a year and a half and finally medically discharged with full retirement benefits.

Rudy Nuñez served four years and four months in the U.S. Navy from 1961 to 1966. He spent fourteen months in Midway Island. He was based out of Corpus Christi, Texas at the Naval Air Station. While there he met and married his wife Yolanda.



Rudy was active in El Comité de Longmont and is a past member of the Moose Lodge.



Ramón Montoya joined the Army National Guard in 1963 and served for 24 years in the Guard. He transferred to the U.S. Army Reserves and served for 14 years and retired with a combined total of 38 years, 3

months and 23 days. He retired and receives the same benefits that a service person who served 20 years of active duty would be entitled to receive. Ramón belongs to AM VETS Post #1, and to the American Legion, Post 178. He has been an active member of Image and serves the National Image president under the title of special assistant to the chairman.

Richard Shields served in the U.S. Navy from 1967 to 1970. He was drafted and took a test that qualified him for the U.S.S. Reaper, a mine sweeper patrolling the seas and rivers in Viet Nam. He was a boatsman mate and then a signalman. After the U.S.S.



Reaper was placed in dry dock in San Francisco, he was assigned to an island mine sweeper. He left the Navy in 1970 and went back to work in Texas with Con-Tex Industries. Richard currently works as a cartographer with the U.S. Geological Survey in the Federal Center. He is also the National 3rd Vice President of Blacks In Government.

Rayford Stewart (No picture available) served in the U.S. Navy from 1967 to 1971. He served in Viet Nam in 1968 to 1969. He was a Medical Corpsman assigned to the U.S.S. Bordillon, DD881, based in Charleston, South Carolina. Ray was awarded five Combat Ribbons during his service in the Navy.

Ray works for the NOAA Boulder Building Management Branch and is very active as a volunteer. He is a union steward and Vice President of AFGE 2186. His community activities include membership in the following organizations:

- ◆ Committee United Against Hate
- ◆ MLK planning for the City of Boulder
- ◆ Youth Opportunities Advisory Board Mentor
- ◆ Citizens Academy for Boulder Police Dept.
- ◆ African American Student Leadership Conference for the Boulder Valley Schools
- ◆ Second Vice President for the Boulder County Chapter of Blacks In Government

Tony Tafoya (pictured on page #1) served in the U.S. Army Security Agency as a Spanish Linguist during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Most of his service was south of Miami at Homestead AFB, Florida. He used the G.I. Bill while in the service and once discharged he attended Florida State University for a BA and later the University of New Mexico for an MA under the G.I. Bill.

- ◆ Tony currently works for NOAA Research as the EEO Manager. He is active in various community organizations such as:
- ◆ High School High Tech
- ◆ Blacks In Government
- ◆ Editor of BIG and Image newsletters.

In recognizing the service of our veterans, it is also appropriate to mention that all the members of Boulder County Image are important and valued for the daily contributions they make to our communities and to each other.

On this Thanksgiving Day please remember each other as you give thanks for what you have and remember those who are less fortunate. Keep in mind the old saying:

“Dime con quien andas, y te dire quien eres.”

“Tell me who your friends are, and I’ll tell you who you are.”

HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY

**In Unity there is strength,
communication and progress**

Publisher's Notes from Colorado, National Image and Around the Country

- ♦ October 26th—Region VIII Image Director Joe Davalos and Lorenzo Cervantes, BLM EEO Manager and DFEB HEP Chair, met with Metro State campus officials to close out and critique the Federal Career Exploration Fair that was held on October 14, 2005 on the Metro State campus in Denver. It was agreed to make the Fair an annual event.
- ♦ November 3-5—AISES 27th Annual National Conference in Charlotte, NC. For more information visit www.aises.org.
- ♦ November 7-8—The 2005 Denver Conference for Administrative Assistants at Four Points Cherry Creek, Denver, CO. For more information call 1.800.682.5078 or visit web site www.pttrain.com.
- ♦ December 2—The Denver Federal Executive Board's American Indian Program Council Training Seminar and Honor Ceremony will be held at the Denver Federal Center, USGS, Building 810 Conference Room, Denver, CO. Guest speaker will be D.J. Vanas, Native American motivational speaker and author of *The Tiny Warrior*, a book on personal self achievement. The program is sold out.
- ♦ To View the Denver *Noticiero* online go to <http://eeo.boulder.noaa.gov>. Click on Employment or the HEPM page at <http://mountain-prairie.fws.gov/hep>.

LOCAL EVENTS IN BOULDER

Boulder County Image welcomes new member Lars Morales with NOAA Workforce Management. Lars was born and raised in Panama where he started his Federal career as an air conditioning equipment mechanic apprentice in 1973, with the Panama Canal Company. His grandfather was a naturalized U.S. citizen who went to Panama from Brooklyn during construction of the Panama Canal. His father is a 1st generation Panamanian-U.S. citizen. Lars's wife and three children were also born in Panama. He comes to NOAA via an assignment with the Civilian Human Resource Agency in Germany that lasted from implementation of the Panama Canal Treaties in 1999 until October of this year.

The office of Secretary for Boulder County Image is vacant. Please call Becky at 303.497.6439 to volunteer for this office.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

POSTAL SERVICE HOLIDAY JOBS ANNOUNCEMENT

The U.S. Postal Service is looking for temporary help for the holidays. Needed are Mail Sorters, Mail Handlers to load and unload trucks. \$11.00/hour and extra pay for hours worked between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Hiring locations include I-70 and Tower Road; DIA (with free parking); I-70 and Quebec.

Detailed information at 303.853.6060 or at www.usps.com/employment.

Please give this announcement wide distribution and encourage candidates to apply.

Triolet

Los bienes y las glorias de la vida
O nunca vienen o nos llegan tarde.
Lucen de cerca, pasan de corrida,
Los bienes y las glorias de la vida.

¡Triste del hombre que en la edad florida
Coger las flores del vivir aguarde!
Los bienes y las glorias de la vida
O nunca vienen o nos llegan tarde.
Manuel Gonzalez-Prada, Peru, *Minúsculas*, 1901.

Cosmopolitismo

¡Cómo fatiga y cansa, cómo abruma,
El suspirar mirando eternamente
Los mismos campos y la misma gente,
Los mismos cielos y la misma bruma!

Huir quisiera por la blanca espuma
Y a Sol lejano calentar mi frente.
¡Oh, si me diera el río su corriente!
¡Oh, si me diera el águila su pluma!

Yo no seré viajero arrepentido
Que al arribar a playas extranjeras
Exhale de sus labios un gemido.

Donde me estrechen generosas manos,
Donde me arrullen tibias Primaveras,
Ahi veré mi patria y mis hermanos.
Manuel Gonzalez-Prada, Peru, *Minúsculas*, 1901.

Triolet

Desde el instante del nacer, soñamos;
y sólo despertamos, si morimos.
Entre visiones y fantasmas vamos:
Desde el instante del nacer, soñamos.

El bien seguro, por el mal dejamos;
y hambrientos de vivir, jamás vivimos:
desde el instante del nacer, soñamos;
y sólo despertamos, si morimos.
Manuel Gonzalez-Prada, Peru, *Minúsculas*, 1901.

Laude

Todo goce, todo ría,
con la luz del nuevo día.

Monte, selva, mar y llano
Alcen himno tan pagano
que hasta el pecho del anciano
Se estremezca de alegría.

Y ¡oh Sol, hemos de perderte!
Lo espantoso de la muerte
es no verte más, no verte,
oh gloriosa luz del día.

Manuel Gonzalez-Prada, Peru, *Exóticas*, 1901.

The Goals and Objectives of Boulder County Image

- A. To seek a broad development and expansion of employment opportunities for the aspirants among the Latino population.
- B. To assist and encourage the government services in providing the best possible circumstances for the recruitment, training, employment and advancement of Latinos.
- C. To encourage and actively support the promotion and advancement of Latinos already employed.
- D. To counter employment issues based on social, ethnic, religious, age and gender discrimination, direct or indirect.
- E. To analyze and determine the educational and professional needs of Latinos seeking entry and advancement in employment; and, whenever possible, provide appropriate training and counseling services to meet these needs – particularly among the youth.
- F. To establish and continually upgrade a broad basis of communications with Latino employees across the nation.
- G. To respond to the reasonable requests of non-members and groups whose problems, goals, and objectives are supportable within the By Laws of Boulder County Image.
- H. To enhance the promotion of ethnic pride, culture, and camaraderie through the organized and regular social gatherings which will serve to bind members together.
- I. To provide a non-partisan platform on major issues of local and national significance so that members may be better informed and may express their views.
- J. To expand the concept and objectives of National Image, Inc., to communities throughout the United States to provide maximum impact on the benefits derived from the pursuit of these goals and objectives as stated above.

Key Committee Functions

The key functions performed by Boulder County Image officers and members of standing committees include: **Advocacy on Employment and Education Issues; Membership and Outreach;** and **Consultation**. The President of Boulder County Image will assign members on an ad hoc basis as the need arises. The following is a brief description of each function:

Advocacy on Employment and Education Issues

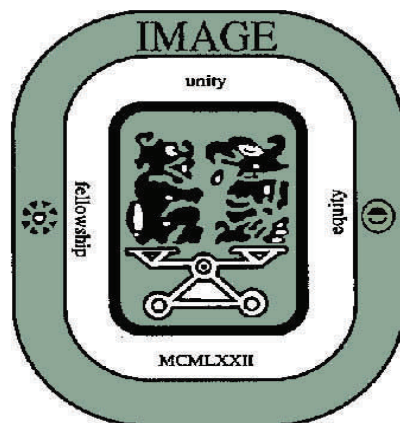
The advocacy function is performed when members take a pro-active role in seeing that a client's issue is addressed by the appropriate community, education or government organization. This function typically involves the following: Mediating an issue at the lowest level before it escalates; Negotiating issues on behalf of clients; Assisting local businesses with employee issues; Assisting students and parents with local school issues, e.g. fighting, drop out, and equal treatment policies; Educating the community on Latino issues; Researching legal information (not advice) on various employment topics; Accompanying clients (employees and applicants) and serving as their representative. Boulder County Image will monitor civil rights issues in the community and provide a community service by organizing Latinos and educating them on issues.

Membership and Outreach

The membership committee is charged with an ongoing program of recruiting and retaining members. This committee coordinates a yearly membership drive for new members. The outreach function is performed by going out into the community to explain Image programs and communicating the assistance that can be provided. Typically, this function involves attending meetings and briefings, networking with agency representatives, providing orientation briefings to newcomers, attending training sessions and education workshops - both as participants and presenters.

Consultation

Consultation services are typically provided to clients who are in need of explanations related to documents that need an interpretation and require follow up actions. Consultations are private.



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Latinos on employment,
education and civil rights
issues.

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MISSION

National Image, Inc. was established in 1972, to address Latino concerns in employment, education, and civil rights. Boulder County Image is an affiliate of National Image, Inc. and operates in Colorado within Region VIII. Its mission is to work with federal, state, county and local government organizations and community members to improve the status of Latinos in focused mission areas.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOULDER COUNTY IMAGE**

OFFICERS:

The following were elected as interim officers at the first meeting on July 13, 2005. They will serve while the petition to affiliate with National Image, Inc. is being reviewed.

President - Becky Rios

1st Vice President - Richard Shields

2nd Vice President - Katy Stewart

Secretary - Vacant

Treasurer - Michelle Masias

TASK FORCE CHAIRS/MEMBERS:

The following have been appointed as chairs of the standing task forces. Members will be contacted to join one of these task forces.

Social/Cultural - Michelle Masias

Education - Richard Shields

Employment - Vacant

Civil Rights - Katy Stewart

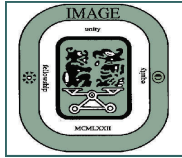
NATIONAL OFFICERS:

National President - John Griego

Region VIII Director - Joseph Davalos

Colorado State Director - Tony Montoya

Special Assistant Office of the Chairman -
Ramón Montoya



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Membership Application Form

Applicant Information (please print or type)

Name	
Home Address	
City, State, Zip Code	
Employer Name	
Work Address	
City, State, Zip Code	
Telephone (business)	
Telephone (Home)	
Fax	
E-Mail	

Membership Information #5-05

Type of Membership: New _____ Renewal _____

Signature _____ Date _____

(Membership Dues are \$15.00 (\$8.00 for National dues, \$2.00 for State dues and \$5.00 for Chapter dues.)

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